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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA—WESTERN DIVISION

REBEKKA LIEN, individually and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

OYO HOTELS INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:25-cv-1785

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiff Rebekka Lien files this class action complaint on behalf of herself and
2 all others similarly situated (the “Class Members”) against Oyo Hotels Inc.
3 (“Defendant” or “Oyo”). Plaintiff brings this action based on personal knowledge of
4 the facts pertaining to herself, and on information and belief as to all other matters, by
5 and through the investigation of undersigned counsel.

6 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

7 1. This is a class action lawsuit brought on behalf of all California
8 residents who have accessed and used oyorooms.com (the “Website”), a website that
9 Defendant owns and operates.

10 2. Defendant aids, employs, agrees with, or otherwise enables a third party
11 – Google LLC (“Google”) – to eavesdrop on communications sent and received by
12 Plaintiff and Class Members, including communications that contain sensitive and
13 confidential information (i.e., “guest records,” as defined by Cal. Civil Code § 53.5).
14 By failing to procure consent before enabling Google’s interception of these
15 communications, Defendant violated the California Invasion of Privacy Act (“CIPA”)
16 §§ 631-632.

17 **PARTIES**

18 3. Plaintiff Rebekka Lien is a resident and citizen of Alhambra, California.
19 Several times, including on or around April 3, 2024, Plaintiff Lien visited Defendant’s
20 Website, oyorooms.com, on the same browser that she used to access Google’s
21 products and services¹ (including Gmail). Plaintiff Lien was in California when she
22 visited the Website. Upon accessing the Website, as alleged in greater detail below,
23 Plaintiff Lien browsed and booked an Oyo hotel. Each of these communications was
24 intercepted in transit by Google – as enabled by Defendant – including
25 communications that contained Plaintiff Lien’s confidential “guest records,” as
26 defined by Cal. Civil Code § 53.5. Neither Defendant nor Google procured Plaintiff

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28 ¹ See GOOGLE, PRODUCTS, https://about.google/intl/ALL_us/products/.

1 Lien's prior consent to this interception.

2 4. Defendant Oyo Hotels Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its principal
3 place of business at 1920 McKinney Avenue, 7th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201.
4 Defendant does business across the nation and operates numerous hotels throughout
5 California.²

6 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

7 5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28
8 U.S.C. § 1332(d) because this is a class action where there are more than 100
9 members and the aggregate amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000.00, exclusive
10 of interest, fees, and costs, and at least one member of the putative Class is a citizen
11 of a state different from Defendant.

12 6. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant
13 has purposefully availed itself of the laws and benefits of doing business in
14 California, and Plaintiff's claims arise out of Defendant's forum-related activities.
15 Plaintiff accessed and navigated the Website while in California, and Defendant
16 assisted Google with intercepting Plaintiff's communications in this District.

17 7. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because a
18 substantial portion of the events giving rise to this action occurred in this District.

19 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

20 **I. The California Invasion of Privacy Act**

21 8. The California Legislature enacted the Invasion of Privacy Act to protect
22 certain privacy rights of California citizens. The legislature expressly recognized that
23 "the development of new devices and techniques for the purpose of eavesdropping
24 upon private communications ... has created a serious threat to the free exercise of
25 personal liberties and cannot be tolerated in a free and civilized society." Cal. Penal
26 Code § 630.

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28 ² <https://www.oyorooms.com/us/allcities/>.

1 9. The California Supreme Court has repeatedly stated an “express
2 objective” of CIPA is to “protect a person placing or receiving a call from a situation
3 where the person on the other end of the line *permits an outsider to tap his telephone*
4 *or listen in on the call.*” *Ribas v. Clark*, 38 Cal. 3d 355, 364 (1985) (emphasis added).

5 10. Further, as the California Supreme Court has held in explaining the
6 legislative purpose behind CIPA:

7 While one who imparts private information risks the betrayal of
8 his confidence by the other party, a substantial distinction has
9 been recognized between the secondhand repetition of the
10 contents of a conversation and its *simultaneous dissemination to*
11 *an unannounced second auditor, whether that auditor be a*
person or mechanical device.

12 As one commentator has noted, such secret monitoring denies
13 the speaker an important aspect of privacy of communication—
14 the right to control the nature and extent of the firsthand
dissemination of his statements.

15 *Ribas v. Clark*, 38 Cal. 3d 355, 360-61 (1985) (emphasis added; internal citations
16 omitted).

17 11. As part of CIPA, the California Legislature enacted § 631(a), which
18 prohibits any person or entity from [i] “intentionally tap[ping], or mak[ing] any
19 unauthorized connection ... with any telegraph or telephone wire,” [ii] “willfully and
20 without the consent of all parties to the communication ... read[ing], or attempt[ing]
21 to read, or to learn the contents or meaning of any ... communication while the same
22 is in transit or passing over any wire, line, or cable, or is being sent from, or received
23 at any place within [California],” or [iii] “us[ing], or attempt[ing] to use ... any
24 information so obtained.”

25 12. CIPA § 631(a) also penalizes [iv] those who “aid[], agree[] with,
26 employ[], or conspire[] with any person” who conducts the aforementioned
27 wiretapping, or those who “permit” the wiretapping.
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1 13. As part of the Invasion of Privacy Act, the California Legislature
2 additionally introduced Penal Code § 632(a), which prohibits any person or entity
3 from “intentionally and without the consent of all parties to a confidential
4 communication, us[ing] an electronic amplifying or recording device to eavesdrop
5 upon or record [a] confidential communication.”

6 14. A “confidential communication” for the purposes of CIPA § 632 is “any
7 communication carried on in circumstances as may reasonably indicate that any party
8 to the communication desires it to be confined to the parties thereto.” Cal. Penal Code
9 § 632(c).

10 15. Individuals may bring an action against the violator of CIPA §§ 631 and
11 632 for \$5,000 per violation. Cal. Penal Code § 637.2(a)(1). Plaintiff does so, here,
12 against Defendant.

13 **II. California Civil Code § 53.5**

14 16. As the California Legislature recognized, a “guest record” maintained by
15 an owner or operator of an inn, hotel, motel, lodginghouse, or other similar
16 accommodations is confidential. Such an owner or operator “shall not disclose,
17 produce, provide, release, transfer, disseminate, or otherwise communicate, except to
18 a California peace officer, all or any part of a guest record orally, in writing, or by
19 electronic or any other means to a third party without a court-issued subpoena, warrant,
20 or order.” Cal. Civil Code § 53.5(a).

21 17. Per Cal. Civil Code § 53.5(c):

22 “Guest record” for purposes of this section includes any record
23 that identifies an individual guest, boarder, occupant, lodger,
24 customer, or invitee, including, but not limited to, their name,
25 social security number or other unique identifying number, date
26 of birth, location of birth, address, telephone number, driver’s
27 license number, other official form of identification, credit card
28 number, or automobile license plate number.

1 18. Further, the legislative history of § 53.5 indicates:

2 (a) In 1972, California voters amended the California
3 Constitution to include the right of privacy among the
4 “inalienable” rights of all people. The amendment established a
5 legal and enforceable right of privacy for every Californian.
6 Fundamental to this right of privacy is the ability of individuals
7 to control the use of their personal information.

8 (b) Since California voters approved the right of privacy, the
9 California Legislature has adopted specific mechanisms to
10 safeguard consumer privacy, including the California Consumer
11 Privacy Act of 2018, the Online Privacy Protection Act, the
12 Reader Privacy Act, the Privacy Rights for California Minors in
13 the Digital World Act, and Shine the Light, a California law
14 intended to give Californians the ‘who, what, where, and when’
15 of how businesses handle consumers’ personal information.

16 (c) Californians frequently have to disclose their sensitive
17 personal information to third parties in order to accomplish
18 routine activities: apply for a job; apply for housing; raise a
19 child; drive a car or take transportation; or stay at a hotel or
20 motel.

21 (d) California law has not kept pace with these developments
22 and the personal privacy implications surrounding the
23 collection, use, and protection of personal information by third
24 parties.

25 (e) Many businesses collect personal information from
26 California consumers. They may know where a consumer lives,
27 how many children a consumer has, where a consumer lives
28 and works, where a consumer travels and where they stay on
29 their trip, how fast a consumer drives, a consumer’s personality,
30 sleep habits, biometric and health information, financial
31 information, precise geolocation information, and social
32 networks, to name a few categories.

33 (f) The unauthorized disclosure of personal information and the
34 loss of privacy can have devastating effects for individuals,
35 including financial fraud, identity theft, unnecessary costs to

1 personal time and finances, destruction of property, harassment,
2 reputational damage, emotional stress, and even potential
3 physical harm.

4 (g) When Californians leave their homes to travel via bus or
5 stay at lodging establishments throughout their state, they desire
6 assurances that these businesses will respect their privacy and
7 safeguard their personal information from improper disclosure.

8 (h) Protecting the privacy of personal information promotes
9 consumer confidence and encourages both residents and visitors
10 to travel to and within California and to patronize California
11 businesses.

12 (i) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to further
13 Californians' right to privacy by ensuring that the personal
14 information disclosed by patrons of lodging establishments and
15 bus companies is used for the intended business purposes and
16 not improperly disclosed.

17 California S.B. 1194 (September 27, 2018).³

18 19. Here, Website users' communications with Oyo – made while browsing
19 and booking Oyo hotels via the Website – contain sensitive and confidential “guest
20 records,” as defined by Cal. Civil Code § 53.5.

21 20. First, the communications include “record[s] that identif[y] an
22 individual[.]” Cal. Civil Code § 53.5(c). As described *infra*, §§ IV, VI, Defendant
23 enables Google to identify individual Website users with Google Analytics identity
24 spaces – a combination of user IDs, user-provided data (i.e., contact details like
25 email address, phone number, name, and/or address, etc.), device IDs, and/or
26 machine learning-based behavioral modeling – and Google signals (which associates
27 web browsing activity with users' Google accounts). These pieces of data collected
28 by Google constitute “record[s] that identif[y] an individual” (Cal. Civil Code §
53.5(c)), as they contain “unique identifying number[s]” assigned to Website users

³ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1194.

1 (*id.*) and other personal information associated with Website users. *Id.*

2 21. Website users' communications with Oyo also "identif[y] an individual
3 [as an Oyo] guest, boarder, occupant, lodger, customer, or invitee[.]" *Id.* Google
4 intercepts Website users' button clicks selecting the destination to which they wish to
5 travel, the desired dates for their trip, the number of rooms they require, the numbers
6 of adults and children who will be traveling, and the particular hotel and room type in
7 which they wish to stay. Google also intercepts the URL of webpages visited by
8 Website users – containing the foregoing communications. These communications
9 "identif[y] an individual [as an Oyo] guest, boarder, occupant, lodger, customer, or
10 invitee" (Cal. Civil Code § 53.5(c)) because they show that all Website users are
11 "invitees" of Oyo – individuals with "express or implied invitation to enter or use
12 [Oyo's] premises."⁴ These communications also identify certain Website users (those
13 who complete the booking process) as Oyo hotel "guests" and "customers."

14 22. Thus, Google – as aided by Defendant – intercepted "guest records,"
15 which are confidential, under Cal. Civil Code § 53.5. Moreover, Google is not a
16 legitimate "third-party service provider," as defined by Cal. Civil Code § 53.5(f),
17 because Google is not "an entity contracted to provide services outlined in [a] contract
18 [with Oyo] that has no independent right to use or share the data beyond the terms of
19 the contract." Rather, Google has the capability to use the information it wiretaps for
20 purposes other than simply providing a recording to Defendant. *See infra*, § VII.
21 Therefore, Defendant's conduct here at issue was not permitted by, *inter alia*, Cal.
22 Civil Code § 53.5(i).

23 **III. Overview of Defendant's Website**

24 23. Defendant owns and operates the Website. Defendant has integrated
25 Google's wiretaps into the Website.

26 24. On the Website, Website users can, *inter alia*, browse and book Oyo
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28 ⁴ INVITEE, Black's Law Dictionary (11th ed. 2019).

1 hotels. When doing so, Website users provide Defendant with confidential
2 information, including “guest records” under Cal. Civil Code § 53.5. *See supra* § II.

3 25. Unbeknownst to Plaintiff and Class Members, however, Defendant aids,
4 agrees with, employs, or otherwise enables Google to eavesdrop on those confidential
5 communications using Google’s wiretaps, as set out *infra*.

6 26. Website users’ confidential communications are the product of Website
7 users affirmatively entering, and interacting with, information on the Website (*i.e.*, the
8 confidential communications are not procedurally or automatically generated).
9 Instead, as set out below, the confidential communications stem from Website users
10 typing into data fields, conveying responses to questions and prompts, and actively
11 making other selections. All of the foregoing is information created through the intent
12 of Website users: information created by and in response to Website users’
13 communicative inputs; information created by and in response to Website users’
14 intended messages to the Website and Defendant; and information created by and in
15 response to Website users’ having conveyed and expressed their respective desires that
16 the Website would supply them with certain, highly personalized, types of information
17 and/or responses.

18 27. Website users may browse and book Oyo hotel rooms. To do so, users
19 type and/or select from a list the destination to which they wish to travel. Next, users
20 click the dates for their trip, the number of rooms required, the number of adults and
21 children who will be traveling, and/or special rates for which they are eligible. Google,
22 as enabled by Defendant, contemporaneously intercepts Website users’ button clicks
23 selecting such items:

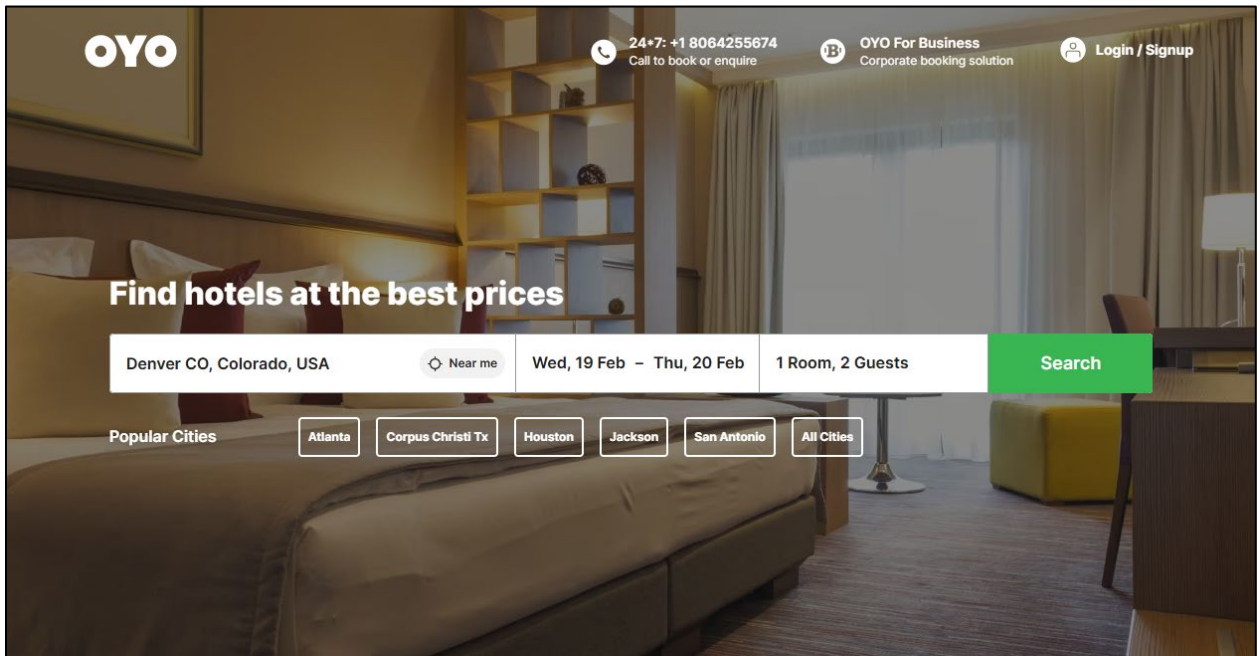
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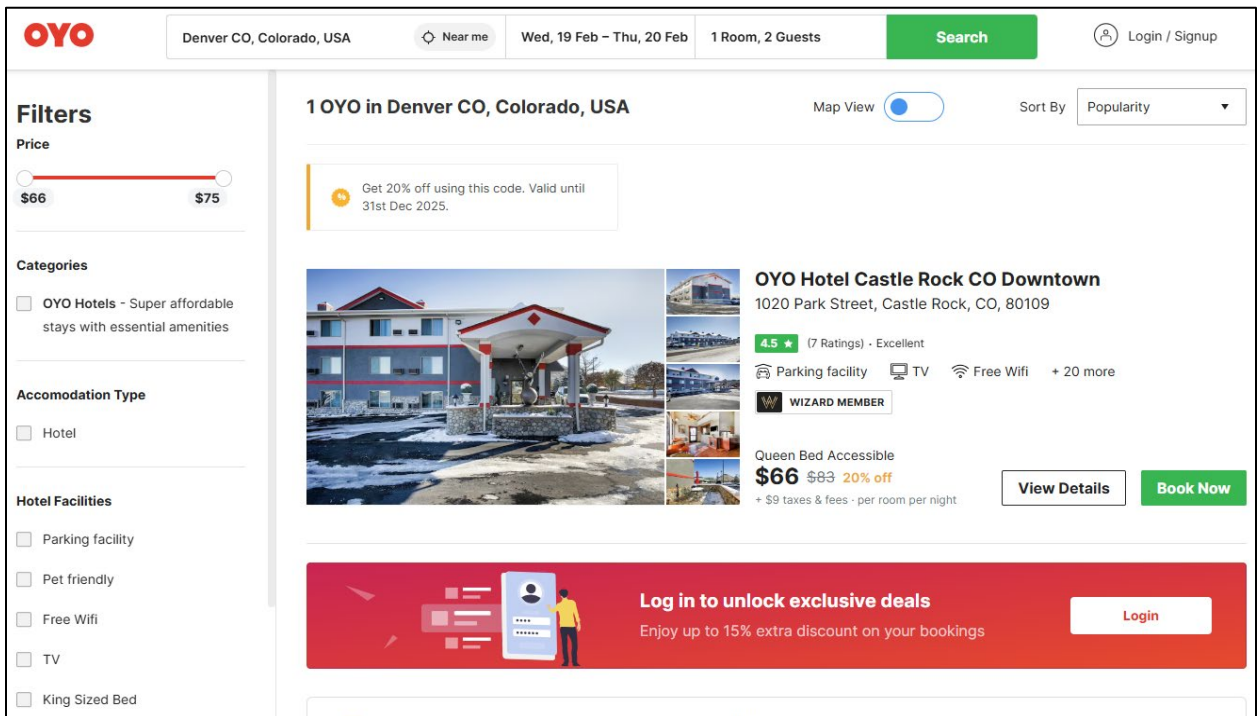
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Website "Screen 1"

28. Then, Website users review the Oyo hotels located in or near their destination and click on a particular hotel to book.



Website "Screen 2"

29. Website users subsequently pick the type of room (i.e., double, queen, king bed, etc.) in which they wish to stay.

Choose your room

★ SELECTED CATEGORY

Queen Bed Accessible ✓

Room size: 150 sqft

TV
 AC
 King Siz...

\$64 ~~\$83~~

+ \$9 taxes & fee

✓ SELECTED

Queen Bed

Room size: 150 sqft

AC
 King Siz...
 TV

\$64 ~~\$83~~

+ \$9 taxes & fee

SELECT

King Bed

Room size: 150 sqft

AC
 King Siz...
 TV

\$67 ~~\$88~~

+ \$9 taxes & fee

SELECT

\$64 ~~\$83~~ 22% off

+ Taxes: \$9

Wed, 19 Feb – Thu, 20 Feb

1 Room, 2 Guests

Queen Bed Accessible

OYOUSIA coupon applied

- \$17 ✓

MORE OFFERS

Save 5% with Wizard membership

- \$3 ✓

Add Blue Wizard membership

+ \$1

Get upto 7% off on successive bookings

\$20

Your savings

\$19

Total price

\$73

Continue to Book

Cancellation Policy ⓘ

Follow Dos & Don'ts during stay

By proceeding, you agree to our **Guest Policies**.

Website “Screen 3”

30. Finally, Website users check out by typing their personal information (first and last name, email, phone number) and entering their payment information.

OYO

< Modify your booking

Yay! you just saved \$19 on this booking!

1 Enter your details

We will use these details to share your booking information

Full Name

Enter first and last name

Email Address

name@abc.com

Mobile Number

+1

e.g. 1234567890

Continue

OYO Hotel Castle Rock CO Downtown

1020 Park Street, Castle Rock, CO, 80109

4.5 ★

(7 Ratings) - Excellent

1 Night

Wed, 19 Feb – Thu, 20 Feb

1 Room, 2 Guests

Queen Bed Accessible

Room price for 1 Night X 2 Guests

\$83

20% Coupon Discount

- \$17

Wizard discount 5%

- \$3

Taxes & Fees

\$9

Add Blue Wizard membership

\$1

Payable Amount

\$73

Website “Screen 4”

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IV. Overview of Google’s Tracking Technologies

A. Background

31. Google wiretaps the Website with its tracking technologies, which Defendant purposefully installed on the Website.

32. Google’s tracking technologies send secret instructions to a Website user’s browser, without alerting the individual that this is happening. The trackers then cause the browser to secretly and simultaneously duplicate the user’s Website communications, transmitting these communications to Google’s servers alongside additional information about the Website user’s identity. This entire process occurs within milliseconds. In other words, when a user communicates with Defendant’s Website, those communications are simultaneously and contemporaneously duplicated and sent to Google at the same time as they are being sent to Defendant. Thus, Google’s interception of these communications occurs “in transit.” *See, e.g., In re Facebook Internet Tracking Litig.*, 956 F.3d 589, 608 (9th Cir. 2020) (“Permitting an entity to engage in the unauthorized duplication and forwarding of unknowing users’ information would render permissible the most common methods of intrusion...”); *Revitch v. New Moosejaw, LLC*, 2019 WL 5485330, at *2 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 23, 2019) (“Even if the browser caused a parallel signal to be sent to NaviStone, that intervention happened while the signal was already in transit from Revitch’s device. Section 631’s protections extend explicitly to the beginnings and ends of communications...”); *James v. Walt Disney Co.*, 710 F. Supp. 3d 942, 961-62 (N.D. Cal. 2023) (finding in-transit interception was alleged based on similar process to the one alleged herein).

B. Google Analytics

33. Google wiretaps the Website with trackers associated with “Google Analytics.”⁵ According to Google, “Google Analytics is a platform that collects data

⁵ GOOGLE, START LEARNING ABOUT GOOGLE ANALYTICS, <https://developers.google.com/analytics>.

1 from [] websites and apps to create reports that provide insights into []
2 business[es].”⁶ “To measure a website ... [one] add[s] a small piece of JavaScript
3 measurement code to each page on [a] site.”⁷ Then, “[e]very time a user visits a
4 webpage, the tracking code will collect ... information about how that user interacted
5 with the page.”⁸ Specifically, Google Analytics tracks “events”; “sessions”; and
6 “users[.]”⁹

7 34. “Events let [clients] measure ... when someone loads a page, clicks a
8 link, [] makes a purchase[.]” and more.¹⁰ Google provides a menu of “recommended
9 events” (i.e., “completes a purchase”; “searches [] website or app”; “select content
10 on [] website or app”; “views an item”; “views their shopping cart”)¹¹ and also
11 allows for “collect[ing] additional information that Google Analytics does not collect
12 automatically[.]” through “custom events.”¹²

13 35. A “session” is “the period from when a user visits [a] website or app to
14 when they leave [said] website or app[.]”¹³ “When a session starts, Google
15 automatically collects a session_start event and generates a session ID (ga_session_id)
16 and session number (ga_session_number)[.]”¹⁴

17 ⁶ GOOGLE, HOW GOOGLE ANALYTICS WORKS,
18 <https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/12159447>.

19 ⁷ *Id.*

20 ⁸ *Id.*

21 ⁹ GOOGLE, TRAFFIC-SOURCE DIMENSIONS,
<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/11080067>.

22 ¹⁰ GOOGLE, SET UP EVENTS,
<https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/ga4/events>.

23 ¹¹ GOOGLE, [GA4] RECOMMENDED EVENTS,
24 <https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/9267735>.

25 ¹² GOOGLE, [GA4] CUSTOM EVENTS,
<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/12229021>.

26 ¹³ GOOGLE, TRAFFIC-SOURCE DIMENSIONS,
27 <https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/11080067>.

28 ¹⁴ GOOGLE, [GA4] ABOUT ANALYTICS SESSIONS,
<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/9191807>.

1 36. Finally, to discern when “two different [users] interact with [a] website[,]

2 ... Google Analytics identifies an individual user based on [Google Analytics]

3 reporting identities.”¹⁵ Reporting identities are combinations of “identifiers ...

4 called *identity spaces*” – namely, “User-ID”; “user-provided data”; “device ID”; and

5 “modeling[.]”¹⁶

- 6 • A “User-ID” is a “persistent ID[,]”¹⁷ consisting of a unique
- 7 combination of up to “256 characters[,]” that is created by
- 8 website operators and “assign[ed] and consistently reassign[ed]
- 9 ... to [] users[,] ... typically [] during login.”¹⁸
- 10 • “User-provided data” consists of contact details such as “email,
- 11 phone, name and address[,]” provided by website users, that “is
- 12 [] matched with other Google data ... to improve the accuracy of
- 13 [] measurement data and power enhanced Analytics
- 14 capabilities.”¹⁹ Although these personal details are “hashed,”²⁰
- 15 the reality is that, even in hashed form, they are traceable to
- 16 individuals.²¹

17 ¹⁵ GOOGLE, TRAFFIC-SOURCE DIMENSIONS,
18 <https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/11080067>.

19 ¹⁶ GOOGLE, [GA4] REPORTING IDENTITIES,
20 <https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/10976610>.

21 ¹⁷ *Id.*

22 ¹⁸ GOOGLE, [GA4] MEASURE ACTIVITY ACROSS PLATFORMS WITH USER-ID,
23 <https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/9213390>.

24 ¹⁹ GOOGLE, [GA4] USER-PROVIDED DATA COLLECTION,
25 <https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/14077171>.

26 ²⁰ *Id.*

27 ²¹ *See, e.g.*, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, DOES HASHING MAKE DATA
28 “ANONYMOUS”?, <https://www.ftc.gov/policy/advocacy-research/tech-at-ftc/2012/04/does-hashing-make-data-anonymous> (“[H]ashing is vastly overrated as an ‘anonymization’ technique ... the casual assumption that hashing is sufficient to anonymize data is risky at best, and usually wrong.”); FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, NO, HASHING STILL DOESN’T MAKE YOUR DATA ANONYMOUS, <https://www.ftc.gov/policy/advocacy-research/tech-at-ftc/2024/07/no-hashing-still-doesnt-make-your-data-anonymous> (“[H]ashes aren’t ‘anonymous’ and can still be used to identify users, and their misuse can lead to harm. Companies should not act or claim as if hashing personal information renders it anonymized.”); STEVEN ENGLEHARDT ET AL., I NEVER SIGNED UP FOR THIS! PRIVACY IMPLICATIONS OF EMAIL TRACKING, <https://petsymposium.org/2018/files/papers/issue1/paper42-2018-1->

- A “device ID” is a “browser-based or mobile-app-based identifier[.]”²² “On a website, device ID gets its value from the client ID property of the _ga cookie. In an iOS or Firebase app, device ID gets its value from the app-instance ID, which identifies a unique installation of the app.”²³
- “Modeling” uses “machine learning to model the behavior of users who decline analytics cookies based on the behavior of similar users who accept analytics cookies.”²⁴

37. Google Analytics can also leverage “Google signals,” which “associates [data] with user[s] ... Google accounts,” for “users who have signed in ... and who have turned on Ads Personalization.”²⁵ “This association of data with these signed-in users is used to enable cross-device remarketing, and cross-device key events export to Google Ads.”²⁶

V. Defendant Aids, Agrees with, Employs, or Otherwise Enables Google to Wiretap Californians’ Communications

38. Google, as enabled by Defendant, contemporaneously intercepts the following Website communications.

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source.pdf (“[H]ashing of PII, including emails, is not a meaningful privacy protection. This is folk knowledge in the security community, but bears repeating.”); MARTECH, FTC PRIVACYCON: YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IS LEAKING AND VULNERABLE, <https://martech.org/ftc-privacycon-email-address-leaking-vulnerable> (“Hashing is an algorithmic process that turns [information] into a gibberish label[.] ... Although gibberish, it’s unique, so it can be employed as an anonymized identifier. It’s supposed to be one-way, meaning that you can’t turn the gibberish back into the [original form]. Wrong, says Englehardt and his colleagues.”).

²² GOOGLE, [GA4] DEVICE ID, <https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/9356035>.

²³ *Id.*

²⁴ GOOGLE, [GA4] BEHAVIORAL MODELING FOR CONSENT MODE, <https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/11161109>.

²⁵ GOOGLE, [GA4] ACTIVATE GOOGLE SIGNALS FOR GOOGLE ANALYTICS PROPERTIES, <https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/9445345>.

²⁶ *Id.*

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ep.event_action: Clicked  
epn.event_value: 0  
ep.custom_label: Add Guests Clicked | 1 to 2
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tid: UA-52365165-1
_gid: 518043739.1738346403
cd149: en
cd25: listing
cd88: /search?location=Denver%20CO%20Colorado%20USA&city=Denver%20CO&searchType=city&coupon=checkin=19%2F02%2F2025&checkout=20%2F02%2F2025&roomCon
fig%5B%5D=2&showSearchElements=false&country=united%20states&guests=2&rooms=1&filters%5Bcity_id%5D=6177
cd1: united states
cd22: Fri Jan 31 2025 13:06:38 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
cd110: 1
cd111: Denver CO, Colorado, USA
cd112: city
cd113: city_6177|city_39994|city_316271|ChIJ5wfgMTf4bIcR-0SEJiWaOdw|ChIJRyAAGvmGbIcRfkmAtMRwzU
cd114: Denver CO, Colorado, USA|Denver, OVH_US, USA|Beaver WV, West Virginia, USA|Downtown Denver, Denver, Colorado, USA|Denver Tech Center, Greenwood Vi
llage, Colorado, USA
cd108: city
cd157: denver
cd2: Denver CO
cd56: S0:0,D0:1,T0:0
cd9: 19/02/2025
cd10: 20/02/2025
cd11: 2
cd12: 1
cd8: 1
cd72: 1
cd7: 18
cd76: 1
cd3: Denver CO, Colorado, USA

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39. As shown by the red highlights in the above excerpt of the Website’s transmissions, Google intercepts the destination selected by users (here, “Denver CO”). As shown by the yellow highlights, Google intercepts the desired trip dates selected by users (here, “Check-in” of “19/02/2025” and “Check-out” of “20/02/2025”). As shown by the green highlight, Google intercepts the numbers of rooms and guests selected by users (here, “guests=2” and “rooms=1”).

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tid: UA-52365165-1
_gid: 518043739.1738346403
cd149: en
cd25: listing
cd22: Fri Jan 31 2025 13:10:44 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
cd110: 1
cd111: Denver CO, Colorado, USA
cd112: denver
cd113: city_6177|city_39994|city_316271|ChIJ5wfgMTf4bIcR-0SEJiWaOdw|ChIJRyAAGvmGbIcRfkmAtMRwzU
cd114: Denver CO, Colorado, USA|Denver, OVH_US, USA|Beaver WV, West Virginia, USA|Downtown Denver, Denver, Colorado, USA|Denver Tech Center, Greenwood Village,
Colorado, USA
cd108: city
cd157: denver
pa: click
prlcd4: 88426
prlcd5: OYO Hotel Castle Rock CO Downtown
prlcd6: OYO Hotels
prlcd2: Castle Rock CO
prlcd3: Denver CO, Colorado, USA
prlcd9: 19/02/2025
prlcd10: 20/02/2025
prlcd11: 1
prlcd12: 2

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1 40. As shown by the purple highlight in the above excerpt of the Website's
2 transmissions, Google intercepts the particular Oyo hotel selected by users (here,
3 "Oto Hotel Castle Rock CO Downtown"). This communications is the product of a
4 button click on Website Screen 2.

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5      tid: UA-52365165-1
6      _gid: 518843739.1738346483
7      cd149: en
8      cd25: Hotel Details Page
9      cd1: United States
10     cd22: Fri Jan 31 2025 13:15:54 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
11     cd73: false
12     cd2: Castle Rock CO
13     cd4: 88426
14     cd5: OYO Hotel Castle Rock CO Downtown
15     cd9: 19/02/2025
16     cd10: 20/02/2025
17     cd11: 2
18     cd12: 1
19     cd72: 1
20     cd8: 1
21     cd63: false
22     cd132: +$1
23     cd6: OYO Hotels
24     cd17: true
25     cd76: 1
26     cd96: 4.5
27     cd101: Not Logged In
28     cd34: false
29     cd29: 10
30     cd20: 83
31     cd3: 1020, Park Street, Castle Rock CO
32     cd65: OYOUSA
33     cd18: $73
34     cd110: $73
35     cd52: 12.048192771084338
36     cd131: -$3
37     cd119: true
38     cd56: 2
39     cd77: false
40     cd33: US
41     cd7: 19
42     cd98: 1424
43     cd129: hotel_mrc
44     cd126: 4
45     cd108: Queen Bed Accessible, $64
46     cd116: Choose your room
47     cd152: Room Type Selected
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1 41. As shown by the brown highlight in the above excerpt of the Website's
2 transmissions, Google intercepts the room type selected by users (here, "Queen Bed
3 Accessible"). This communication is the product of a button click on Website
4 Screen 3.

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1 dl: https://www.oyorooms.com/search?location=Denver%20CO%2C%20Colorado%2C%20USA&city=Denver%20CO&searchType=city&checkin=19%2F02%2F2025&checkout=20%2F02%2F2025&roomConfig%5B%5D=2&guests=2&rooms=1&filters%5Bcity_id%5D=6177
2 dr: https://www.oyorooms.com/us/
3 dt: Hotels in Denver CO Starting @ \$66 - Upto 20% OFF on 1 Denver CO Hotels
en: Listing_Page
_ee: 1
ep.event_label: [Free Wi-Fi]
ep.event_action: Clicked
epn.event_value: 0
ep.custom_label: Hotel Facilities Filter Applied

4 dl: https://www.oyorooms.com/us/88426/?checkin=19%2F02%2F2025&checkout=20%2F02%2F2025&rooms=1&guests=2&rooms_config=1-2_0&selected_rcid=272884
5 ul: en-us
6 de: UTF-8
7 dt: OYO Hotel Castle Rock CO Downtown in Castle Rock CO| Book @ \$63 and Get 33% Off
8 sd: 24-bit
9 sr: 1920x1080
10 vp: 1384x1037
11 je: 0
12 ec: Hotel Gallery Page
13 ea: Horizontal Gallery Open
el: View All Images

14 dl: https://www.oyorooms.com/us/88426/?checkin=19%2F02%2F2025&checkout=20%2F02%2F2025&rooms=1&guests=2&rooms_config=1-2_0&selected_rcid=272884
15 ul: en-us
16 de: UTF-8
17 dt: OYO Hotel Castle Rock CO Downtown in Castle Rock CO| Book @ \$63 and Get 33% Off
18 sd: 24-bit
19 sr: 1920x1080
20 vp: 1384x1037
21 je: 0
22 ec: Hotel Gallery Page
23 ea: Horizontal Gallery Tab Clicked
24 el: Reception

25 42. As shown by the orange highlights in the above excerpts of the
26 Website's transmissions, Google intercepts miscellaneous other selections by users
27 (here, "Free Wi-fi" as in filtering for a hotel with free Wi-Fi; "View All Images" as
28 in opening a gallery of hotel photos; and "Reception" as in looking at photos of a
hotel's reception area). These communications are the products of button clicks on
Website Screens 2 and 3.

VI. Defendant Enables Google to Pair the Above Data with Users' Identities

43. As discussed *supra*, § IV, the Google tracking technologies at issue can pair wiretapped data with website users' identities.

44. To do so, the Google Analytics identity spaces and Google signals rely, at least in part, on Google cookies.²⁷ A cookie is a "small text file (up to 4KB) created

²⁷ See, e.g., GOOGLE, OUR ADVERTISING AND MEASUREMENT COOKIES, <https://business.safety.google/adscookies/>; GOOGLE, GOOGLE ANALYTICS COOKIE USAGE ON WEBSITES, <https://web.archive.org/web/20240303080533/https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/analyticsjs/cookie-usage>; OPEN COOKIE DATABASE, <https://jkwakman.github.io/Open-Cookie-Database/open-cookie-database.html>.

1 by a website that is stored in the user's computer either temporarily for that session
2 only or permanently in storage (persistent cookie)."²⁸ Persistent cookies can be used
3 to "track user behavior across different sites. They store information such as
4 geographic location, device specifications, and specific actions taken on the
5 website."²⁹ Thus, together, the Google cookies allow Google Analytics to
6 "remember" what a user has done on previous pages [and their] interactions with the
7 [W]ebsite."³⁰

8 45. The following image confirms that, when a user accesses the Website
9 while logged in to a Google account, the Google tracking technologies on the Website
10 compel that user's browser to transmit several Google cookies, including the
11 AMP_TOKEN; ar_debug; DSID; _ga; _ga_<wpid>; _gid; IDE; NID; _Secure-
12 1PAPISID; _Secure-1PSID; _Secure-1PSIDCC; _Secure-1PSIDTS; _Secure-
13 3PAPISID; _Secure3PSID; _Secure-3PSIDCC; and _Secure-3PSIDTS cookies:

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23 _____
24 ²⁸ PC MAGAZINE, COOKIE TABLE,
<https://www.pcmag.com/encyclopedia/term/cookie>.

25 ²⁹ COOKIEBOT, WHAT ARE TRACKING COOKIES AND HOW DO THEY WORK?,
26 <https://www.cookiebot.com/en/tracking-cookies/>.

27 ³⁰ GOOGLE, GOOGLE ANALYTICS COOKIE USAGE ON WEBSITES,
28 <https://web.archive.org/web/20240303080533/https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/analyticsjs/cookie-usage>.

Name	Value	Domain
receive-cookie-deprecation	[REDACTED]	.doubledick.net
DSID	[REDACTED]	.doubledick.net
IDE	[REDACTED]	.doubledick.net
ar_debug	[REDACTED]	.doubledick.net
__Secure-1PAPISID	[REDACTED]	.google.com
SAPISID	[REDACTED]	.google.com
__Secure-1PSID	[REDACTED]	.google.com
__Secure-1PSIDTS	[REDACTED]	.google.com
__Secure-1PSIDCC	[REDACTED]	.google.com
SSID	[REDACTED]	.google.com
SID	[REDACTED]	.google.com
SIDCC	[REDACTED]	.google.com
APISID	[REDACTED]	.google.com
HSID	[REDACTED]	.google.com
__Secure-3PAPISID	[REDACTED]	.google.com
__Secure-3PSID	[REDACTED]	.google.com
__Secure-3PSIDTS	[REDACTED]	.google.com
__Secure-3PSIDCC	[REDACTED]	.google.com
NID	[REDACTED]	.google.com
AEC	[REDACTED]	.google.com
_ga_589V9TZFMV	[REDACTED]	.oyorooms.com
_gcl_au	[REDACTED]	.oyorooms.com
_ga	[REDACTED]	.oyorooms.com
AMP_TOKEN	[REDACTED]	.oyorooms.com
_gid	[REDACTED]	.oyorooms.com
ar_debug	[REDACTED]	.www.google-analytics.com
_ga	[REDACTED]	www.google.com

46. The AMP_TOKEN cookie “[c]ontains a code that is used to read out a Client ID from the AMP Client ID Service. By matching this ID with that of Google Analytics, users can be matched when switching between AMP content and non-AMP content.”³¹ The AMP_TOKEN cookie has a lifespan of between 30 seconds and 1 year.³²

47. The ar_debug cookie is used to “[s]tore and track conversions[.]”³³ The ar_debug cookie has a lifespan of 90 days.³⁴

³¹ OPEN COOKIE DATABASE, <https://jkwakman.github.io/Open-Cookie-Database/open-cookie-database.html>.

³² *Id.*

³³ *Id.*

³⁴ GOOGLE, OUR ADVERTISING AND MEASUREMENT COOKIES, <https://business.safety.google/adscookies>.

1 48. The DSID cookie “[i]dentifies signed-in users on non-Google sites[.]”³⁵
2 The DSID cookie has a lifespan of 2 weeks.

3 49. The _ga and ga_<wpid> cookies are “used to identifier users[.]”³⁶ The
4 _ga and ga_<wpid> cookies have a lifespan of 2 years.³⁷

5 50. The _gid cookie is “used to identify users for 24 hours after last
6 activity[.]”³⁸ The _gid cookie has a lifespan of 24 hours.³⁹

7 51. The IDE cookie “is used for targeting, analyzing, and optimization of ad
8 campaigns in DoubleClick/Google Marketing Suite.”⁴⁰ The IDE cookie has a lifespan
9 of 2 years.⁴¹

10 52. The NID cookie “is used to collect website statistics and track conversion
11 rates and Google ad personalization[.]”⁴² The NID cookie has a lifespan of 1 year.⁴³

12 53. The _Secure-1PAPISID; _Secure-1PSID; _Secure-1PSIDC; and
13 _Secure-1PSIDTS cookies are “[t]argeting cookie[s u]sed to create a user profile and
14 display relevant and personalised Google Ads to the user.”⁴⁴ The _Secure-1PAPISID;
15 _Secure-1PSID; _Secure-1PSIDC; and _Secure-1PSIDTS cookies have a lifespan of
16 2 years.⁴⁵

17 54. The _Secure-3PAPISID cookie “[p]rofiles the interests of website
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19 ³⁵ OPEN COOKIE DATABASE, [https://jkwakman.github.io/Open-Cookie-Database/](https://jkwakman.github.io/Open-Cookie-Database/open-cookie-database.html)
20 [open-cookie-database.html](https://jkwakman.github.io/Open-Cookie-Database/open-cookie-database.html).

21 ³⁶ *Id.*

22 ³⁷ *Id.*

23 ³⁸ *Id.*

24 ³⁹ *Id.*

25 ⁴⁰ *Id.*

26 ⁴¹ *Id.*

27 ⁴² *Id.*

28 ⁴³ *Id.*

⁴⁴ *Id.*

⁴⁵ *Id.*

visitors to serve relevant and personalised ads through retargeting.”⁴⁶ The `_Secure-3PAPISID` cookie has a lifespan of 2 years.⁴⁷

55. The `_Secure3PSID` cookie is a “[t]argeting cookie[u]sed to profile the interests of website visitors and display relevant and personalised Google ads.”⁴⁸ The `_Secure3PSID` cookie has a lifespan of 2 years.⁴⁹

56. The `_Secure-3PSIDCC` and `_Secure-3PSIDTS` cookies are “[t]argeting cookie[s u]sed to create a user profile and display relevant and personalised Google Ads to the user.”⁵⁰ The `_Secure-3PSIDCC` and `_Secure-3PSIDTS` cookies have a lifespan of 2 years.⁵¹

57. Even when a when a user accesses the Website while not logged in to a Google account, the Google tracking technologies on the Website compel that user’s browser to transmit several Google cookies, including the `AMP_TOKEN`; `_ga`; `_ga_<wpid>`; `_gid`; and IDE cookies:

Name	Value	Domain
IDE	[REDACTED]	.doubleclick.net
ar_debug	[REDACTED]	.doubleclick.net
receive-cookie-deprecation	[REDACTED]	.doubleclick.net
_gcl_au	[REDACTED]	.oyorooms.com
_ga_589V9TZFMV	[REDACTED]	.oyorooms.com
_ga	[REDACTED]	.oyorooms.com
_gid	[REDACTED]	.oyorooms.com
AMP_TOKEN	[REDACTED]	.oyorooms.com

58. Defendant also uses Google signals, which “associates [data] with user[s]’ ... Google accounts,” for “users who have signed in ... [and] turned on Ads Personalization.”⁵² The blue line below shows that Defendant enabled Google signals.

⁴⁶ *Id.*

⁴⁷ *Id.*

⁴⁸ *Id.*

⁴⁹ *Id.*

⁵⁰ *Id.*

⁵¹ *Id.*

⁵² GOOGLE, [GA4] ACTIVATE GOOGLE SIGNALS FOR GOOGLE ANALYTICS PROPERTIES, <https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/9445345>.

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▼ Processing data layer push: js?id=G-589V9TZFMV:454
{event: "gtm.init", gtm.uniqueEventId: 3}

Tag fired: [REDACTED]
{function: "__ccd_ga_regscope", priority: 14,
vtp_settingsTable: ["list", ["map",
"redactFieldGroup", "DEVICE_AND_GEO",
"disallowAllRegions", false, "disallowedRegions",
""], ["map", "redactFieldGroup",
"GOOGLE_SIGNALS", "disallowAllRegions", false,
"disallowedRegions", ""]],
vtp_instanceDestinationId: "G-589V9TZFMV",
tag_id: 20}
```

VII. Google Uses Californians’ Data for its Own Purposes

59. When Google uses its wiretaps on Website users’ communications, the wiretaps are not like tape recorders or “tools” used by one party to record the other. Instead, Google – a separate and distinct entity from the parties to the conversations – uses the wiretaps to eavesdrop upon, record, extract data from, and analyze conversations to which it is not a party. Google itself, collects the contents of said conversations. That data is then analyzed by Google before being provided to any entity that was a party to the conversations (like Defendant).

60. Google has the capability to use the contents of conversations it collect through its wiretaps for its own purposes.

61. In its “Shared Data Under Measurement Controller-Controller Data Protection Terms,” Google states: “When Google Analytics customers enable the data sharing setting for ... Google Analytics[] and accept the ‘Measurement Controller-Controller Data Protection Terms’ ... Google can access and analyze the Analytics data customers share with us to better understand online behavior and trends, and improve our products and services—for example, to improve Google search results, detect and remove invalid advertising traffic in Google Ads, and test algorithms and build models that power services like Google Analytics Intelligence that apply machine-learning to surface suggestions and insights for customers based on their analytics data and like Google Ads that applies broad models to improve ads personalization and relevance.”⁵³ Thus, Google has the capability to use the

⁵³ GOOGLE, SHARED DATA UNDER MEASUREMENT CONTROLLER-CONTROLLER DATA PROTECTION TERMS, <https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/9024351>.

wiretapped data for understanding online behavior and trends, machine learning, and improving its products and services.

VIII. Defendant Never Received Users' Consent to Disclose their Confidential Communications to Google

62. Crucially, neither Defendant nor Google procures prior consent from Californians for Google to engage in this wiretapping.

63. Nowhere on the Website does Defendant provide notice of its privacy-related practices that is prominently displayed, designed to attract Website users' attention, and distinctive in appearance.

64. Nowhere on the Website does Defendant adequately disclose the tracking here at issue, including that:

- Google, as enabled by Defendant, intercepts the contents of Californians' communications on the Website, in real time.
- These communications include, but are not limited to, "guest records," which are affirmatively entered by users on the Website and confidential under Cal. Civil Code § 53.5(c). Namely, Google intercepts Website users' button clicks selecting the destination to which they wish to travel, the desired dates for their trip, the number of rooms they require, the numbers of adults and children who will be traveling, and the particular hotel and room type in which they wish to stay. Google also intercepts the URLs of webpages visited by Website users – containing the foregoing communications.
- This information is not anonymized because Defendant enables Google to link users' communications with personal information that reveals their identities. Such personal information includes Google Analytics identity spaces – a combination of user IDs, user-provided data (i.e., contact details like email address, phone number, name, and/or address, etc.), device IDs, and/or machine learning-based behavioral modeling – and Google signals (which associates web browsing activity with users' Google accounts). These are "record[s] that identif[y] an individual[.]" Cal. Civil Code § 53.5(c).

65. Nowhere on the Website does Defendant request or receive Website users' affirmative consent *prior to* enabling Google's tracking technologies. Analysis

1 of the Website reveals that Google's tracking technologies are active as soon as the
2 Website loads, before Website users could even conceivably be put on notice or
3 provide affirmative consent.

4 CLASS ALLEGATIONS

5 66. Plaintiff seeks certification of the following class: all California residents
6 who have accessed and navigated the Website while in California (the "Class").

7 67. Plaintiff reserves the right to modify the Class definition, including by
8 using subclasses, as appropriate based on further investigation and discovery obtained
9 in the case.

10 68. The following people are excluded from the Class: (1) any Judge
11 presiding over this action and members of her or her family; (2) Defendant,
12 Defendant's subsidiaries, parents, successors, predecessors, and any entity in which
13 Defendant or its parents have a controlling interest (including current and former
14 employees, officers, or directors); (3) persons who properly execute and file a timely
15 request for exclusion from the Class; (4) persons whose claims in this matter have
16 been finally adjudicated on the merits or otherwise released; (5) Plaintiff's counsel
17 and Defendant's counsel; and (6) the legal representatives, successors, and assigns of
18 any such excluded persons.

19 69. **Numerosity:** The number of persons within the Class is substantial and
20 believed to amount to thousands, if not millions of persons. It is, therefore, impractical
21 to join each member of the Class as a named plaintiff. Further, the size and relatively
22 modest value of the claims of the individual members of the Class render joinder
23 impractical. Accordingly, utilization of the class action mechanism is the most
24 economically feasible means of determining and adjudicating the merits of this
25 litigation. Moreover, the Class is ascertainable and identifiable from Defendant's
26 records.

27 70. **Commonality and Predominance:** There are well-defined common
28 questions of fact and law that exist as to all members of the Class and that

1 predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Class.
2 These common legal and factual questions, which do not vary between members of
3 the Class, and which may be determined without reference to the individual
4 circumstances of any Class member, include, but are not limited to, the following:
5 whether Defendant violated CIPA §§ 631 and 632 and whether Plaintiff and the
6 proposed Class members are entitled to damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, pre-
7 judgment interest and costs of this suit.

8 71. **Typicality:** The claims of the named Plaintiff are typical of the claims
9 of the Class because the named Plaintiff, like all other class members, visited the
10 Website and had her confidential electronic communications intercepted and
11 disclosed to Google.

12 72. **Adequate Representation:** Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the
13 Class because her interests do not conflict with the interests of the Class members
14 she seeks to represent, she has retained competent counsel experienced in
15 prosecuting class actions, and she intends to prosecute this action vigorously. The
16 interests of members of the Class will be fairly and adequately protected by Plaintiff
17 and her counsel.

18 73. **Superiority:** The class mechanism is superior to other available means
19 for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims of members of the Classes. Each
20 individual member of the Class may lack the resources to undergo the burden and
21 expense of individual prosecution of the complex and extensive litigation necessary
22 to establish Defendant's liability. Individualized litigation increases the delay and
23 expense to all parties and multiplies the burden on the judicial system presented by
24 the complex legal and factual issues of this case. Individualized litigation also
25 presents a potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments. In contrast, the class
26 action device presents far fewer management difficulties and provides the benefits of
27 single adjudication, economy of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single
28 court on the issue of Defendant's liability. Class treatment of the liability issues will

1 ensure that all claims and claimants are before this Court for consistent adjudication
2 of the liability issues.

3 **CAUSES OF ACTION**

4 **COUNT I**

5 **Violation of the California Invasion of Privacy Act,
6 Cal. Penal Code § 631(a)**

7 74. Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in the paragraphs above as if
8 fully set forth herein.

9 75. Plaintiff brings this Count individually and on behalf of the members of
10 the Class.

11 76. CIPA § 631(a) imposes liability for “distinct and mutually independent
12 patterns of conduct.” *Tavernetti v. Superior Ct.*, 22 Cal. 3d 187, 192-93 (1978).

13 Thus, to establish liability under CIPA § 631(a), a plaintiff need only establish that
14 the defendant, “by means of any machine, instrument, contrivance, or in any other
15 manner,” does any of the following:

16 Intentionally taps, or makes any unauthorized
17 connection, whether physically, electrically,
18 acoustically, inductively or otherwise, with any telegraph
or telephone wire, line, cable, or instrument, including
the wire, line, cable, or instrument of any internal
telephonic communication system,

19 *Or*

20 Willfully and without the consent of all parties to the
21 communication, or in any unauthorized manner, reads or
22 attempts to read or learn the contents or meaning of any
23 message, report, or communication while the same is in
transit or passing over any wire, line or cable or is being
sent from or received at any place within this state,

24 *Or*

25 Uses, or attempts to use, in any manner, or for any
26 purpose, or to communicate in any way, any information
27 so obtained,

28 *Or*

1 Aids, agrees with, employs, or conspires with any person
2 or persons to unlawfully do, or permit, or cause to be
3 done any of the acts or things mentioned above in this
4 section.

5 77. CIPA § 631(a) is not limited to phone lines, but also applies to “new
6 technologies” such as computers, the Internet, and email. *See Matera v. Google Inc.*,
7 2016 WL 8200619, at *21 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 12, 2016) (CIPA applies to “new
8 technologies” and must be construed broadly to effectuate its remedial purpose of
9 protecting privacy); *see also Javier v. Assurance IQ, LLC*, 2022 WL 1744107, at *1
10 (9th Cir. May 31, 2022) (“Though written in terms of wiretapping, Section 631(a)
11 applies to Internet communications.”).

12 78. Google’s tracking technologies associated with Google Analytics are a
13 “machine, instrument, contrivance, or ... other manner” used to engage in the
14 prohibited conduct at issue here.

15 79. Google is a “separate legal entity that offers [a] ‘software-as-a-service’
16 and not merely a passive device.” *Saleh v. Nike, Inc.*, 562 F. Supp. 3d 503, 520 (C.D.
17 Cal. 2021). Further, Google has the capability to use the wiretapped information for
18 its own purposes. Accordingly, Google was a third party to any communication
19 between Plaintiff and Class Members, on the one hand, and Defendant, on the other.
20 *Id.* at 521; *see also Javier v. Assurance IQ, LLC*, 649 F. Supp. 3d 891, 900 (N.D. Cal.
21 2023).

22 80. At all relevant times, by its tracking technologies, Google willfully and
23 without the consent of all parties to the communication, or in any unauthorized
24 manner, read, attempted to read, and/or learned the contents or meaning of electronic
25 communications of Plaintiff and Class Members, on the one hand, and Defendant, on
26 the other, while the electronic communications were in transit or were being sent from
27 or received at any place within California.

28 81. At all relevant times, Google used or attempted to use the

1 communications intercepted by their tracking technologies for its own purposes.

2 82. At all relevant times, Defendant aided, agreed with, employed, permitted,
3 or otherwise enabled Google to wiretap Plaintiff and Class Members using Google's
4 tracking technologies and to accomplish the wrongful conduct at issue here.

5 83. Plaintiff and Class Members did not provide their prior consent to
6 Google's intentional access, interception, reading, learning, recording, collection, and
7 usage of Plaintiff's and Class Members' electronic communications. Nor did Plaintiff
8 and Class Members provide their prior consent to Defendant aiding, agreeing with,
9 employing, permitting, or otherwise enabling Google's conduct.

10 84. The wiretapping of Plaintiff and Class Members occurred in California,
11 where Plaintiff and Class Members accessed the Website and where Google – as
12 enabled by Defendant – routed Plaintiff's and Class Members' electronic
13 communications to Google's servers.

14 85. Pursuant to Cal. Penal Code § 637.2, Plaintiff and Class Members have
15 been injured by Defendant's violations of CIPA § 631(a), and each seeks statutory
16 damages of \$5,000 for each of Defendant's violations of CIPA § 631(a).

17 **COUNT II**

18 **Violation of the California Invasion of Privacy Act,
19 Cal. Penal Code § 632**

20 86. Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in the paragraphs above as if
21 fully set forth herein.

22 87. Plaintiff brings this Count individually and on behalf of the members of
23 the Class.

24 88. CIPA § 632(a) prohibits an entity from:

25 intentionally and without the consent of all parties to a
26 confidential communication, uses an electronic amplifying or
27 recording device to eavesdrop upon or record the confidential
28 communication, whether the communication is carried on among
the parties in the presence of one another or by means of a
telegraph, telephone, or other device, except a radio.

1 89. Google’s tracking technologies are “electronic amplifying or recording
2 device[s].” *Id.*

3 90. Cal. Civ. Code § 53.5(a) states:

4 [A]n innkeeper, hotelkeeper, motelkeeper, lodginghouse keeper,
5 or owner or operator of an inn, hotel, motel, lodginghouse, or
6 other similar accommodations, or any employee or agent thereof,
7 who offers or accepts payment for rooms, sleeping
8 accommodations, or board and lodging, or other similar
9 accommodation, shall not disclose, produce, provide, release,
10 transfer, disseminate, or otherwise communicate, except to a
California peace officer, all or any part of a guest record orally,
in writing, or by electronic or any other means to a third party
without a court-issued subpoena, warrant, or order.

11 91. Per Cal. Civil Code § 53.5(c):

12 “Guest record” for purposes of this section includes any record
13 that identifies an individual guest, boarder, occupant, lodger,
14 customer, or invitee, including, but not limited to, their name,
15 social security number or other unique identifying number, date
of birth, location of birth, address, telephone number, driver’s
16 license number, other official form of identification, credit card
17 number, or automobile license plate number.

18 92. Here, Website users’ communications with Defendant – made while
19 browsing and booking Oyo hotels via the Website – contain sensitive and
20 confidential “guest records,” as defined by Cal. Civil Code § 53.5.

21 93. First, the communications include “record[s] that identif[y] an
22 individual[.]” Cal. Civil Code § 53.5(c). Defendant enables Google to identify
23 individual Website users with Google Analytics identity spaces – a combination of
24 user IDs, user-provided data (i.e., contact details like email address, phone number,
25 name, and/or address, etc.), device IDs, and/or machine learning-based behavioral
26 modeling – and Google signals (which associates web browsing activity with users’
27 Google accounts). These pieces of data collected by Google constitute “record[s] that
28 identif[y] an individual” (Cal. Civil Code § 53.5(c)), as they contain “unique

1 identifying number[s]” assigned to Website users (*id.*) and other personal information
2 associated with Website users. *Id.*

3 94. Second, Website users’ communications with Oyo “identif[y] an
4 individual [as an Oyo] guest, boarder, occupant, lodger, customer, or invitee[.]” *Id.*
5 Google intercepts Website users’ button clicks selecting the destination to which they
6 wish to travel, the desired dates for their trip, the number of rooms they require, the
7 numbers of adults and children who will be traveling, and the particular hotel and room
8 type in which they wish to stay. Google also intercepts the URL of webpages visited
9 by Website users – containing the foregoing communications. These communications
10 “identif[y] an individual [as an Oyo] guest, boarder, occupant, lodger, customer, or
11 invitee” (Cal. Civil Code § 53.5(c)) because they show that all Website users are
12 “invitees” of Oyo – individuals with “express or implied invitation to enter or use
13 [Oyo’s] premises.”⁵⁴ These communications also identify certain Website users (those
14 who complete the booking process) as Oyo hotel “guests” and “customers.”

15 95. Thus, Google – as aided by Defendant – intercepted “guest records,”
16 which are confidential, under Cal. Civil Code § 53.5. Moreover, Google is not a
17 legitimate “third-party service provider,” as defined by Cal. Civil Code § 53.5(f),
18 because Google is not “an entity contracted to provide services outlined in [a] contract
19 [with Oyo] that has no independent right to use or share the data beyond the terms of
20 the contract.” Rather, Google has the capability to use the information it wiretaps for
21 purposes other than simply providing a recording to Defendant. Therefore,
22 Defendant’s conduct here at issue was not permitted by, *inter alia*, Cal. Civil Code §
23 53.5(i).

24 96. When communicating with Defendant, Plaintiff and Class Members had
25 an objectively reasonable expectation of privacy, based on Cal. Civil Code § 53.5.
26 Thus, Plaintiff and Class Members did not reasonably expect that anyone other than
27 Defendant would be on the other end of the communication, and that other, third-party

28 ⁵⁴ INVITEE, Black’s Law Dictionary (11th ed. 2019).

1 entities like Google would intentionally use an electronic amplifying or recording
2 device to eavesdrop upon and record the confidential communications of Plaintiff and
3 Class Members.

4 97. Plaintiff and Class Members did not consent to any of Google's actions.
5 Nor have Plaintiff or Class Members consented to Google's intentional use of an
6 electronic amplifying or recording device to eavesdrop upon and record the
7 confidential communications of Plaintiff and Class Members.

8 98. Pursuant to Cal. Penal Code § 637.2, Plaintiff and Class Members have
9 been injured by Defendant's violations of CIPA § 632(a), and each seeks statutory
10 damages of \$5,000 for each of Defendant's violations of CIPA § 632(a).

11 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

12 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all others similarly
13 situated, seeks judgment against Defendant, as follows:

- 14 (a) For an order certifying the Class, naming Plaintiff as
15 representative of the Class, and naming Plaintiff's
attorneys as Class Counsel to represent the Class;
- 16 (b) For an order declaring that Defendant's conduct violates
17 the statute referenced herein;
- 18 (c) For an order finding in favor of Plaintiff and the Class on
all counts asserted herein;
- 19 (d) For actual, compensatory, statutory, and/or punitive in
20 amounts to be determined by the Court and/or jury;
- 21 (e) For prejudgment interest on all amounts awarded;
- 22 (f) For an order of restitution and all other forms of equitable
monetary relief;
- 23 (g) For injunctive relief as pleaded or as the Court may deem
24 proper; and
- 25 (h) For an order awarding Plaintiff and the Class their
reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs of suit.

26 **JURY TRIAL DEMAND**

27 Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all causes of action and issues so triable.
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1 Dated: February 28, 2025

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